

This book has been incubating a long time. Much of the research on Bristol Bay natural resources is scattered in white papers, peer reviewed journals, unpublished data etc. This has made it difficult to get a holistic view of what we know, what we don't know, and to ID the key uncertainties regarding Bristol Bay's natural resources. The target audience includes policy makers, researchers, college students & others with an interest in Bristol Bay's destiny. Many of you contributed to the EPA's Watershed Assessment (<http://www2.epa.gov/bristolbay>). A goal of this book is to expand and enhance EPA's effort by focusing on a fuller depiction of the extraordinary diversity and abundance of resources - including seabirds, Iliamna seals, marine mammals, oil and gas resources etc. It is important to highlight this so that the public, policy makers, and others can fully evaluate and appreciate the extraordinary nature of Bristol Bay.

I wish you a healthy relaxing holiday and look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

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